THIS IS A WORK OF FICTION

G'MORNING!
MORNING!
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DID YOU WATCH HANA NO KO LUNLUN LAST NIGHT?
THE ANIMATION WAS TOP NOTCH!
HMHM HMM...
HM?
AAAAH!? S-SATOU!! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!!!
EH?
W-WHAT THE...!?
GUNDAM IS...!?

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HEY WHAT'S UP KUROSU? YOU DON'T LOOK WELL.
GUNDAM IS...
GUNDAM...?
GUNDAM IS...!?
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GUNDAM IS CANCELED!!?
THAT'S RIGHT... HELLO!?
YES, BUT UNTIL NEXT YEAR....
YES, I AM TERRIBLY SORRY!!
WHAT IS THIS!? WE'VE HAD NOTHING BUT PHONE CALLS SINCE THIS MORNING!!!
WE CAN'T WORK LIKE THIS!!!
WHAT IS THIS GUNDAM!?
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日本サンライズ
DIRECTOR!!
AH, THERE HE IS!
DIRECTOR TOMINO!!
DIRECTOR TOMI...
UWAH!!

WHAAAAT!?
KYAAAAAA!! A YAKUZA!!! A YAKUZA HAS WANDERED INTO AN HONEST WORKPLACE!!!
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CALM DOWN KUSAKARI!
THAT'S THE DIRECTOR!
HUH!?
I-I'M SORRY I DISTRACTED YOU...
WHAT IS IT!? AND KEEP IT SHORT!
THE TV STATIONS WANTS TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON!
THEY DEMAND TO SEE THE MAN IN CHARGE AT ONCE...
IT SEEMS A LOT OF THINGS ARE GOING ON OVER THERE TOO...

WHO THE HELL DO THEY ARE, COMING WHEN WE ARE THIS BUSY...!?
YOU BASTARDS WERE THE ONES WHO CANCELED US!!!
SO WIPE YOUR GODDAMNED ASSES YOURSELVES!!!

TELL THEM THAT...
YESSIR...
OH...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?
CAN'T YOU TELL BY LOOKING? YOU'RE THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR, AREN'T YOU?
IT'S KEY ANIMATION!
K-KEY ANIMATION!?
THIS WAS THE ONLY TIME TOMINO EVER DREW KEY ANIMATION FOR GUNDAM...
THE STUDIO WAS IN THAT MUCH FINANCIAL TROUBLE...

I SAID I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO...!
THAT HIGH-AND -MIGHTY TONE SUITS YOU, TOMINO...
BY THE SOUNDS OF THINGS YOU'RE BACK TO YOUR OLD SELF...
OH, IT'S THE TOY PRESIDENT...
HAVE YOU COME TO CRY ABOUT YOUR TOYS NOT SELLING AGAIN...?
NOT SELLING? HAHAHA WHAT IS THIS CRAZY TALK I'M HEARING?!
EH?

THEY'RE SELLING LIKE CRAZY!!
"GUNDAM DX COMBINE SET" IS A HUGE HIT!
A HUGE HIT...?
THE G-ARMOR, WHICH I MADE OUT OF DESPERATION...?
"GUNDAM DX COMBINE SET" WAS THE BEST SELLING ITEM OF 1979...
IN FACT IT TURNED OUT THAT "THE SPONSORS ARE GOING BANKRUPT BECAUSE GUNDAM TOYS AREN'T SELLING" WAS A COMPLETELY FALSE RUMOR...
THEY WERE ACTUALLY HAVING THEIR BIGGEST PROFIT EVER THANKS TO GUNDAM RELATED MERCHANDISE.

THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO DISCUSS SOMETHING WITH YOU...
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN'T PROLONG THE SHOW...?
I KNOW IT'S ALREADY BEEN CANCELED...
BUT CAN'T YOU GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, SIR...
IT'S TOO LATE TO RE-WRITE THE STORY LINE NOW...
AND EVEN IF I COULD...
HE ISN'T HERE...
OH, THAT'S RIGHT...
I'M SORRY FOR ASKING THE IMPOSSIBLE...

HEHE... I MUST ADMIT, EVEN I HAVE LATELY BEEN INCREDIBLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING HOW GUNDAM'S STORY CONTINUES...
YOU ONCE TOLD ME THAT THE STORY WAS WHAT WAS IMPORTANT...
AND YOU WERE RIGHT...
TOMINO... YOU WIN THIS ONE...
THERE COULD BE NO GREATER COMPLIMENT...
WELL THEN...

I SEE... SO HE'S KEEPING QUIET...
HEH... AS ONE WOULD EXPECT OF TOMINO...
QUITE THE OPPOSITE...
HUH?
I DON'T KNOW... ISN'T IT COMMON COURTESY FOR THE DIRECTOR OF A CANCELED SHOW TO MAKE A COMMENT OR TWO...?

THE FIRST THING HE DOES AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CANCELATION IS KEEPING THE LID ON...
HE'S AGITATING THE CRAVING...
WHAT GOOD WILL THAT DO?
THE SHOW IS ALMOST OVER
WHO KNOWS... I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE IS THINKING...
HOWEVER
SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN...
OF THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT...

OPEN
TANAKA'S
TOYS
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WELCOME!
UUH!?
AT THIS TIME THERE WERE NO VIDEO- OR TRADING CARD GAMES, SO SOMEONE OTHER THAN CHILDREN COMING TO A TOY STORE WAS QUITE RARE...
SO IT'S NO SURPRISE THE MANAGRER WOULD GET SUSPICIOUS WHEN A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ARRIVED...
W-WHAT CAN I GET YA...?
GUNDAM DX COMBINE SET, PLEASE...
EH...?

GUNDAM A

GUNDAM!! THAT THING YA GOT THERE!!
EH... OOH...
OH RIGHT... YOU GETTIN' IT FOR YOUR LITTLE BROTHER?
YOU'RE A NICE BIG BROTHER AREN'TCHA!
NAW... GUNDAM'S GONNA END....
HUH?
IF I DON'T BUY IT...
GUNDAM'S GONNA END!!!

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"DON'T STOP!"
"AGAINST GUNDAM'S CANCELATION"
ARE ALL THESE POSTCARDS PROTESTS AGAINST THE CANCELATION?!
YEAH!!
AND IF YOU COUNT THE PHONE CALLS AND TELEGRAMS THERE'S EVEN MORE! PLEASE DO SOMETHING!
WE'LL BORROW THE POWER OF THE VIEWERS...
I SEE... I GET IT NOW...
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WHAT THE DIRECTOR MEANT WAS...

I HAVE TO BUY IT...!!

...THIS!
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